4th November 1921.

My dear Lawson,

The complimentary note about Mr. A.K.Banerji published in your issue of the 2nd which arrived yesterday is very misleading on an important point, and I shall be glad if you will kindly publish the real facts. Mr. Banerji came to Mysore as Second Member of Council and with absolutely no promise of the Dewanship. The First Member of Council, Sir V. Bantaraj Urs had spent his whole life in the service of the State and had risen from the post of Assistant Commissioner to that of Member of Council in the ordinary course of promotion when a vacancy occurred in the Dewanship, he was appointed Dewan not because he was a kinsman of His Highness the Maharaja as your editorial note seems to hint, but on grounds of merit and seniority in the service. I think you will agree that the note as published is by no means fair either to His Highness the Maharaja or to Sir V. Bantaraj Urs, and I have no doubt that you will take an early opportunity of correcting the wrong impression which has been created in the public mind by a note published in such a well-known and reliable paper as the "Madras Mail". I know, of course, that you depend on your correspondents in those matters and you are not personally responsible for the information which they furnish to you.

Yours sincerely,

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